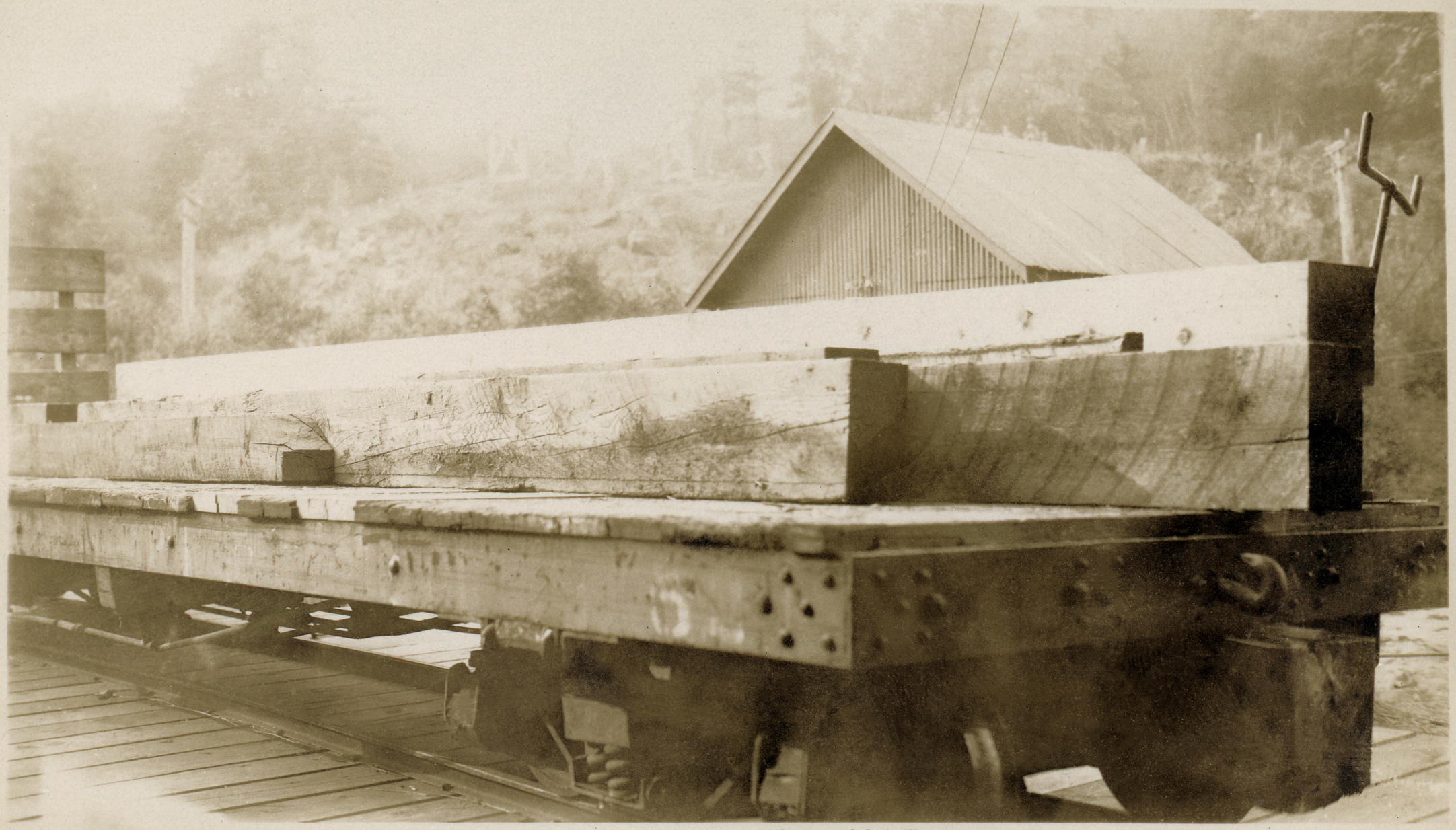

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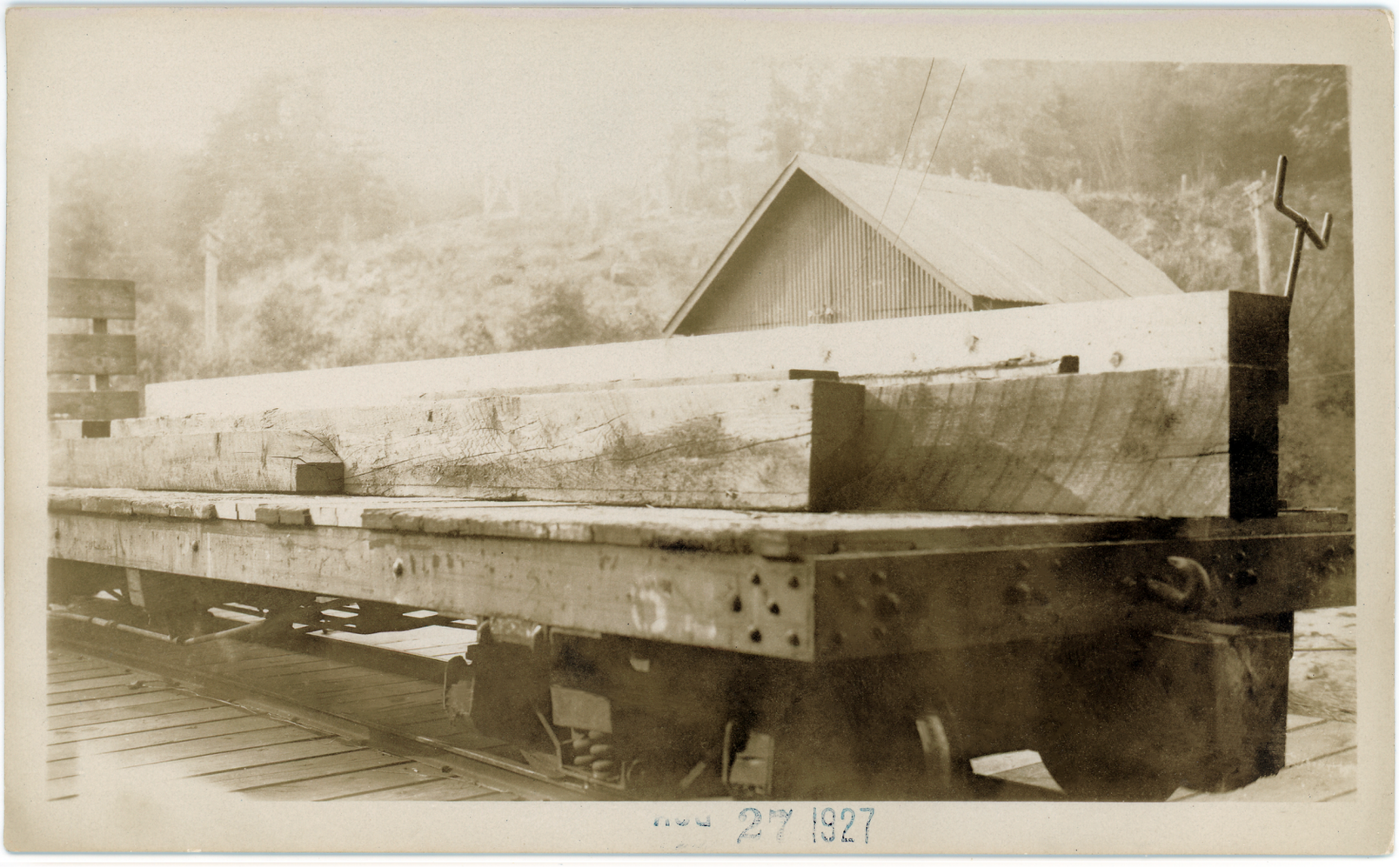

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Photo 13

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By late August 1927, the focus shifts from buildings to materials. A flatbed railcar sits loaded with enormous squared timbers, cut for heavy structural use but still showing their grain, checks, and rough surfaces. Even without knowing exactly where they were headed, their scale makes an impression.

If this is a standard flatcar, the beams appear to be roughly two feet thick and perhaps twenty to twenty-four feet long, or more. Timbers of this size were intended for major structural work, and it is entirely possible that some remain hidden within the mill complex today.

Unlike many of the earlier photographs, there are no workers in view and no dramatic construction scene unfolding. Instead, the photographer paused to record the raw materials themselves. It is a quieter image, but one that reminds us the story of building a mill was not only about concrete, steel, and labor—it also depended on the remarkable size and quality of the timber available in the Pacific Northwest.